

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

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LEANDRA ROSE ROMERO,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

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No. 10-846V

Special Master Christian J. Moran

Filed: December 19, 2012

Stipulation of fact concerning  
attorneys' fees and costs; award  
in the amount to which respondent  
does not object

### **UNPUBLISHED DECISION ON FEES AND COSTS<sup>1</sup>**

Elizabeth M. Muldowney, Rawls, McNelis and Mitchell, P.C., Richmond, VA, for Petitioner;  
Voris E. Johnson, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., for Respondent.

Petitioner Leandra Rose Romero filed a stipulation of facts concerning attorneys' fees and costs on December 17, 2012. The parties request that a decision awarding attorneys' fees and costs in accordance with the stipulation of facts be issued. The Court grants the parties' request and awards the amount to which respondent does not object.

Ms. Romero alleged that the human papillomavirus ("HPV") and varicella vaccines she received on December 14, 2007 caused her to suffer "significant, permanent, residual, neurological deficits." She received compensation based upon the parties' stipulation. Decision, filed Sept. 10, 2012. Because Ms. Romero received compensation, she is entitled to an award of attorneys' fees and costs. 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e).

After informal discussions, respondent and petitioner agreed on a slight reduction in the petitioner's draft application amounts. Ms. Romero requests a total of **\$31,751.10** in attorneys' fees and costs for petitioner's counsel. Additionally, in compliance with General Order No. 9, petitioner states that she incurred no litigation expenses while pursuing this claim. Respondent does not object to this request for attorneys' fees and costs.

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<sup>1</sup> The E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (Dec. 17, 2002), requires that the Court post this decision on its website. Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 18(b), the parties have 14 days to file a motion proposing redaction of medical information or other information described in 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-12(d)(4). Any redactions ordered by the special master will appear in the document posted on the website.

After reviewing the request, the court awards a check made payable to petitioner and petitioner's attorney in the amount of **\$31,751.10** for attorneys' fees and other litigation costs. The court thanks the parties for their cooperative efforts in resolving this matter.

The Clerk shall enter judgment accordingly.<sup>2</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

S/ Christian J. Moran  
Christian J. Moran  
Special Master

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<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties can expedite entry of judgment by each party filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review by a United States Court of Federal Claims judge.